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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AUTHORIZING AND CERTIFYING  
ELECTRONIC TRANSFER

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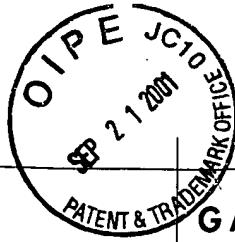
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Dear Sir:

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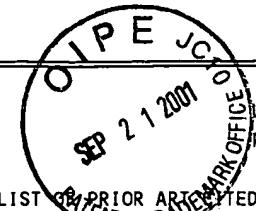
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